From Chancellor to Fuhrer- Timeline of Hitler’s Consolidation of Power

IB History

**Instructions:**

In the span of 20 months Hitler and the Nazi’s went from the largest party in the Reichstag to a single party state. The goal of this assignment is to look at the events of January 1933 to August 1934 and attempt to explain how and why they were able to consolidate their control over Germany politically, economically and socially. In this task you will gain knowledge of the 17 key events from this time period as well as analyze the methods used and the extent to which Hitler and the Nazi’s achieved control over Germany by August 1934.

**Task 1**: **Evaluation of Events**

*Use the timeline on pages 170-171 and the information on page 172 to place each of the 17 key events into the table below. You will need to determine which aspect of Germany it addressed, provide the key details, determine how it was achieved, the results of the event and evaluate its relative significance.*

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| **Event** | **Focused on Political, Social or Economic Control**  | **Details of the Event** | **How was Control Achieved?****(Will of the People, Legal Maneuvering Violence, or Compromise)** | **Result of Event****(What Changed in Germany?)** | **Historical Significance of the Move: Include historical evaluation (Yours or Someone Else’s)** |
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**Task 2: What is the significance of the Night of the Long Knives?**

*Use the selection from Hitler’s Bodyguard and pages 173-179 to explain the pressure that Hitler was feeling from the left in the Nazi party (Rohm and the SA) and the Right (the Elites). After you have outlined the different sides, attempt to explain why Hitler was able to effectively purge his party?*

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| Pressure from the Left (Call for Second Revolution) | Pressure from the Right |
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Why was Hitler able to get away with mass murder? (Summarize the views of the text and the sources into one paragraph)

**Task 3: Analysis of Hitler’s Consolidation of Power**

*Review pages 180-181 and complete the below tasks (Divide Amongst Your Group if you choose):*

1. *Hitler talked of a “legal revolution”, and a “national revolution”. Rohm, on the other hand, advocated for a “second revolution”. Explain each of these terms and give examples from Hitler’s strategy (Chart 10f) that show how each was achieved.*
2. *Read Chapter 3 of Kershaw and select 4-5 concrete details and quotes historiography that reflect how he views Hitler’s transition from Chancellor to Furher. Record them on a separate sheet of paper.*
3. *Create an essay plan (with selected demonstrative evidence and historiography) for the below question:*

*“Hitler became Fuhrer by manipulating legal loopholes in the German system and by gaining popular support through a masterful propaganda campaign.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?*